

STARS AND STRIPES

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A news digest for U.S. forces serving overseas

U.S.: Saddam's sons killed in house raid

BY SARMAD JALAL

The Associated Press

Saddam Hussein's sons Odai and Qusai were killed in a six-hour firefight Tuesday when U.S. forces surrounded and then stormed a palatial villa in this northern Iraqi town, a senior American general said.

"We are certain that Odai and Qusai were killed today," said Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez at a news conference in Baghdad.

Sanchez, the top U.S. military commander in Iraq, said that four people had been killed in the firefight.

"They died in a fierce gun-battle," Sanchez added.

He told reporters that soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division were working on a tip from an Iraqi informant that the sons were present in the house.

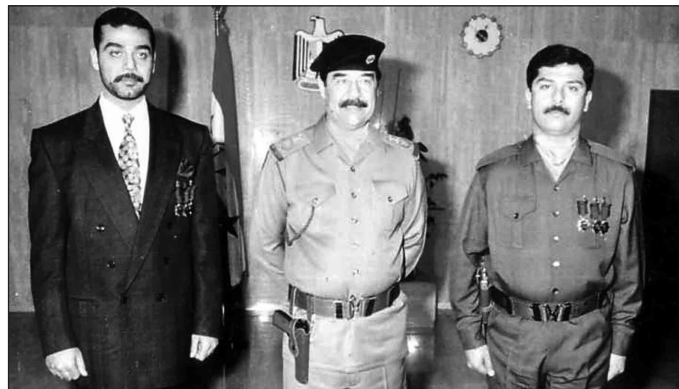
Members of the 101st Airborne Division had surrounded the house when the fighting broke out. Kiowa helicopters roamed the sky.

Sanchez said the two sons, who held key posts in the former Saddam regime, were identified physically at the scene and taken to Baghdad. Coalition forces still were searching for Saddam, Sanchez said without elaboration as to where.

"The bodies were in a condition where you could identify them," Sanchez told reporters at a hastily called news conference in Baghdad.

In Washington, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld briefed President Bush about the raid in an Oval Office meeting Tuesday morning.

The United States has offered a \$25 million reward for information leading to



AP

Former Iraqi ruler Saddam Hussein poses with his sons, Odai, left, and Qusai. U.S. soldiers battled Iraqi gunmen at a suspected hide-out of high-ranking members of Saddam Hussein's regime in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, Iraq, on Tuesday, killing four, including Saddam's elder sons, Odai and Qusai.

Saddam's capture and \$15 million each for his sons, where were also top leaders in their father's regime.

The U.S.-led coalition's military occupation of Iraq has been met by constant armed Iraqi resistance, resulting in almost daily deaths of American troops.

Until this weekend, the 101st Airborne Division had not sustained any recent casualties and encountered very

little resistance in their region, unlike the turmoil in and around Baghdad of late, said Master Sgt. Kelly Tyler, a spokeswoman for the 101st at Fort Campbell, Ky.

On Sunday, two 101st soldiers were killed and a third injured in Tall Afar when attackers assailed their unit with small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades.

Sgt. Justin W. Garvey, 23,

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Pfc. Jessica Lynch : 'It's great to be home'

BY GAVIN MCCORMICK

The Associated Press

ELIZABETH, West Virginia — Former U.S. Army POW Jessica Lynch returned to her West Virginia home to a flag-waving hero's welcome Tuesday, and in her public first words since her rescue said: "It's great to be home."

"I'd like to say thank you to everyone who helped and prayed for my return," said Lynch, who was wearing a beret and green Army dress uniform as she was brought

to the podium in a wheelchair.

Lynch received a standing ovation as she entered a media tent and made her brief remarks against a large American flag in the backdrop.

The 20-year-old former POW said she did not realize for "a long time" that her ordeal had captured the hearts of millions around the globe.

"But I'm beginning to understand because I've read thousands of cards and letters — many of them from

children — that offer messages of hope and faith," she said.

Lynch's 507th Maintenance Co. convoy was ambushed March 23 near the Iraqi city of Nasiriyah in an attack that killed 11 soldiers.

U.S. forces rescued Lynch at a Nasiriyah hospital April 1, while five other captured 507th soldiers, held apart from Lynch, were released April 13.

Suffering from multiple broken bones and other injuries, Lynch arrived at Walter

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Reed, the U.S. Defense Department's largest medical facility, on April 12.

Lynch's rescue quickly made her an American hero and she has received book, television and movie offers to tell the story of her capture and rescue.

The story of the rescue, however,

has also sparked accusations

that U.S. defense officials and officials with President

Bush's administration exaggerated the circumstances of her capture

and her rescue in order to make

Lynch an American

hero at a time when the U.S. war

in Iraq appeared to be bogging down.

"I'm proud to be a soldier

in the Army. I'm proud to have served with the 507th. I'm happy that some soldiers

I served with made it home

alive. It hurts that some of my company didn't," Lynch said.

Lynch also thanked special forces soldiers who rescued her and said she was "thankful to several Iraqi citizens who helped save my life while I was in their hospital."

Lynch said she missed Pfc. Lori Piestewa 23, who was

her roommate, best friend and a member of the 507th. Piestewa died of injuries suffered in the ambush.

"She fought beside me, and it was an honor to have served with her," Lynch said.

On Monday, Lynch was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple

Heart and Prisoner of War medals. The Bronze Star is given for meritorious combat service, a Purple Heart is most often awarded to those wounded in combat, and the POW for being held captive during wartime.

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News tracker: What's new with old news

States

A farewell to Cruz: In two days of commemorations, thousands of fans — many weeping, others singing snippets of tunes — were saying goodbye to Celia Cruz, the 'Queen of Salsa,' who died last week at age 78 of a brain tumor.

Thousands of mourners lined the streets for the procession Tuesday, as a horse-drawn carriage took Cruz's body to St. Patrick's Cathedral for a public funeral Mass.

Milwaukee mob beating: The last two defendants charged in connection with the fatal mob beating of a man last year have been sentenced to prison.

Don J. Dixon, 14, was given a two-year term. Lee Mays, 17, was ordered to serve 3 1/2 years.

Charlie Young Jr., 36, was beaten Sept. 29 with broomsticks, shovels, a folding chair and a milk crate after he had a confrontation with one of the 12 youths. He died Oct. 1.

Gov. Gray Davis recall: The California secretary of state said counties have verified more than a third of the signatures needed to force an election to recall Gov. Gray Davis.

The announcement late Monday came as an appeals court was set to review a request by Davis supporters to stop Shelley from certifying a recall election that seemed increasingly likely to qualify for the ballot Wednesday.

Western Kentucky University dorm fire: Prosecutors said Monday they will seek the death penalty against two men accused of killing Western Kentucky University student, Melissa Autry who was found beaten, stabbed and sexually assaulted and set on fire in her dormitory room.

Stephen B. Soules pleaded innocent Monday in Warren County Circuit Court. At the arraignment, prosecutors filed a notice of intent to seek the death penalty if he is convicted.

Lucas B. Goodrum is scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday. Mike Pearson, an assistant commonwealth's attorney, said prosecutors also would seek the death penalty for Goodrum.

Western wildfires: Hundreds of firefighters battled to keep range fires that have burned across 105,000 acres of north-central Montana away from isolated farm and ranch homes.

About 50 people were evacuated as the fire blackened stands of ponderosa pine and charred pastures and hayfields. But calmer, cooler weather appeared to give fire crews a break.

War on terrorism

Afghanistan attack: Suspected Taliban armed with assault rifles attacked a police checkpoint in southern Afghanistan, killing an Afghan soldier, provin-

cial governor Hamidullah Khan Tokhi said Tuesday.

The attack in the remote region of Zabul province occurred late Sunday, he said.

World

Kenya plane crash: Efforts to recover the remains of three generations of an American family and two South African pilots killed when their chartered plane crashed into snowcapped Mount Kenya resumed Tuesday, officials said.

Thick clouds and snow hampered recovery efforts a day earlier, but authorities were optimistic they would be able to remove the remains of at least 10 of the 14 people killed in the crash, said Bongo Woodley, senior Kenya Wildlife Service warden in charge of Mount Kenya National Park.

Indian-held Kashmir attacks: Three suspected Islamic guerrillas attacked an army camp in Indian-held Kashmir on Tuesday, killing at least eight soldiers and wounding more than a dozen others before being slain themselves, police said.

Two guerrillas were killed in the attack. A third was found trying to escape into a nearby forest and was shot to death after he hurled a grenade at soldiers, wounding five, the officer said.

South Asia flooding: A roof collapsed and killed three people in New Delhi, India where incessant rains have broken a 39-year record and made traffic snarls and power outages routine, officials said Tuesday.

India has reported a total of 275 deaths, Bangladesh has reported 169, Pakistan 80, and Nepal 69, indicating that this year's casualties could be higher than usual.

Mideast tensions: Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas will ask the United States to press Israel for a firm schedule of peace moves when he meets with President Bush this week, a Palestinian lawmaker said Tuesday.

Abbas' scheduled White House meeting Friday will be the first in almost three years for a Palestinian leader, and will be followed by Bush's meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on July 29.

Space marriage: International space station cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko has promised the Russian space agency to cancel his plan to get married while in orbit, an agency spokesman said Tuesday.

Under Russian law, Malenchenko, a Russian air force colonel, is considered the holder of state secrets and can marry a foreigner only after getting permission from his superiors, Gorbunov said.

From news wire services

Brothers: Deaths may have big impact

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of the 101st Airborne based at Fort Campbell, Ky., was one of two infantrymen assigned to 3rd Brigade, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, who died of wounds sustained in the attack Sunday in Tall Afar, Iraq, the Pentagon announced.

The other victim of the attack was identified as Sgt.

Jason D. Jordan, 24, of Elba, Ala. A third soldier was injured.

The removal of Saddam's sons could have a major impact on the Iraqi resistance, which has seen a dozen attacks a day mounted against U.S. forces.

Qusai was probably Saddam's successor, according to U.S. intelligence officials. He ran much of Iraq's security

apparatus, controlling several militias, internal security services and the military forces of the once-vaunted Republican Guard.

He was described as quiet and level, particularly compared to Odai, Saddam's eldest son, who had a reputation for brutality and flamboyance.

Odai controlled Saddam's Fedayeen, the paramilitary force that fought U.S. troops

during the war; many of its survivors are thought to be part of the ongoing guerrilla campaign in Iraq.

Odai also controlled information and propaganda in Saddam's Iraq, and was chairman of the country's Olympic committee. Saddam has a third, younger son and three daughters. All kept a low profile in his regime.

Stars and Stripes reporter Sandra Jontz contributed to this report from Washington.

White House denies no-attack pledge with North Korea

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House on Tuesday rejected the idea of formally pledging not to attack North Korea.

On Monday, North Korea said unless Washington “legally committed itself to non-aggression,” it would not give up its nuclear programs.

The Washington Post reported Tuesday that the Bush administration is considering granting North Korea such formal guarantees.

But White House spokesman Scott McClellan reiterated long-standing American policy that “all options remain on the table.”

“Our position remains the same: We continue to seek a diplomatic solution, working

with the countries in the neighborhood,” McClellan said. But, he added, “We’ve made it very clear that we will not give in to blackmail, we will not grant inducements for the North to live up to its obligations.”

McClellan said the administration is not considering giving North Korea an assurance that the United States will not attack them.

“North Korea needs to irreversibly end its nuclear weapons program once and for all,” McClellan said.

Monday, a high-ranking South Korean official predicted a possible breakthrough in the nuclear standoff, saying the United States, China and North Korea will hold talks in Beijing “quite soon.”

The nations are “in the

final stage of arranging a new meeting,” said Ra Jong-il, President Roh Moo-hyun’s national security adviser.

McClellan was noncommittal on when talks will resume.

Secretary of State Colin Powell insisted anew that the United States will insist on drawing North Korea’s neighbors into negotiations:

“We’ll not allow this to become, as some have suggested, once again a U.S.-North Korea problem,” Powell said. “It is a problem between North Korea and its neighbors, who are most directly threatened and, frankly, who have considerable influence on North Korea.”

He added: “North Korea has to understand that it has — there’s no future in pursuing this kind of technology, this kind of weapon.”

Baylor player’s roommate charged with his murder

BY ANGELA K. BROWN
The Associated Press

WACO, Texas — The search for the body of a missing Baylor University basketball player centered Tuesday on a gravel pit and the banks of the Brazos River just miles from an apartment he shared with the former teammate accused of killing him.

Carlton Dotson, 21, was charged Monday night with murder after he “made strong self-incriminating statements” when he talked to FBI agents about the disappearance of his roommate Patrick Dennehy, said Joseph Flanagan, deputy state’s attorney in Kent County, Md. Dotson lives in nearby Hurlock, Md.

Dennehy has been missing since mid-June. A police informant told police that Dotson told a cousin that he shot Dennehy in the head after the two argued.

The search of a gravel pit near the university began after Dotson talked with authorities. He told a reporter outside the courthouse Monday: “I didn’t confess to anything.” He was ordered held without bond Tuesday morning.

Dotson’s estranged wife said Tuesday that he needs psychological help, but that she does not believe he killed Dennehy.

An extradition hearing was set for within 30 days after the defense refused to waive the right to such a hearing and allow the Maryland man’s immediate transfer to Texas.

Outside the courtroom, defense attorney Sherwood R. Wescott said the decision not to waive extradition was “a strategic move.” He would not comment on whether Dotson had confessed to killing Dennehy.

Waco police Sgt. Ryan Holt told The Dallas Morning News that Dotson confessed to killing Dennehy and described a location where Dennehy’s body might be found.

Cease-fire doesn’t halt Liberian violence

BY ALEXANDRA ZAVIS

The Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — Rebels announced a cease-fire as West African defense chiefs tried Tuesday to work out quick deployment of a peacekeeping force, a day after mortars rained onto Liberia’s war-torn capital in the worst fighting in months.

Despite the cease-fire order, government and rebel fighters continued to trade machine-gun and grenade fire near two strategic bridges connecting Monrovia’s port and downtown the site of President Charles Taylor’s offices.

Monday’s punishing mortar assault, which lasted more than 2½ hours, heightened Liberians’ pleas for a peacekeeping force. On Monday, part of a group of 41 Marines from Naval Air Station Rota arrived to protect the

embassy — and their helicopters evacuated a group of foreigners and aid workers.

The Marines are from the Fleet Anti-terrorism Security Team, or FAST, and are equipped to respond on a moment’s notice to boost security in far-flung hot spots.

There was no indication when more helicopters would come to bring additional Marines to protect the embassy and carry out further evacuations. U.S. officials said they were assessing the situation.

Aid groups and hospitals put the death toll at about 90 confirmed killed. They said they expected the figure to rise, but that the toll would not be known until fighting stops.

In nearby Ghana, where peace talks have been held, a rebel official said, “Our troops are being told to cease fire.”

Charles Benny — of the

main rebel movement, Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy — said the rebels welcomed apparent progress being made among West African military officials working to bring in peacekeepers.

Nigeria, Mali and Ghana were all ready to contribute troops yet awaited badly needed international financial backing, Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo’s spokeswoman Remi Oyo said.

But the participants want other countries — including South Africa, Morocco and the United States — to join.

The European Union called for the “early deployment” of international peacekeepers to Liberia and said it would consider offering support to such a force.

Liberian President Charles Taylor has pledged to resign and accept an offer of asylum in Nigeria — but only after peacekeepers arrive to ensure an orderly transition.

Cubs 15, Braves 6

ATLANTA — The hits again came frequently for the Chicago Cubs, who also got a lift from their bullpen.

Chicago had a season-high 21 hits, including homers from Sammy Sosa and Alex Gonzalez for the second consecutive game, and five relievers shut down the Atlanta Braves on one hit in the final six innings in a 15-6 rout Monday night.

Sosa hit a three-run shot and drove in four runs, Moises Alou had four hits and five RBIs, Tom Goodwin matched a career high with five hits and scored four times and Mark Grudzielanek went 4-for-6 and scored four runs.

Veres (1-1) relieved starter Shawn Estes with the bases loaded and no outs and got out of the jam without giving up a run to the heart of the Braves' lineup. He struck out Marcus Giles, got Gary Sheffield on a popout and retired Chipper Jones on a bouncer to first.

Sosa homered for the 10th time since July 1 as the Cubs won their third in a row. They ended the Braves' five-game winning streak and handed Atlanta only its second loss in 15 games.

Javy Lopez hit two home runs for the Braves. Andruw Jones and Giles also homered.

Chicago's first four batters — Goodwin, Grudzielanek, Sosa and Alou — were 16-for-22, scored 13 runs and knocked in 10 runs.

"Nobody ever wants to be a part of something like that," said losing pitcher Shane Reynolds (7-5). "It was just one of those games."

Mets 8, Phillies 6

PHILADELPHIA — Aaron Heilman earned his first major league victory and John Franco picked up his first save since 2001 as New York beat Philadelphia.

Cliff Floyd, Jason Phillips and Joe McEwing homered as the Mets stopped a four-game losing streak.

Jim Thome hit his 25th homer and Bobby Abreu drove in four runs for the NL wild-card-leading Phillies, who had won eight of 10.

Heilman (1-2) gave up four runs and seven hits in five innings in his fifth big league start.

Franco got the final three outs for his first save since June 19, 2001. The 42-year-old left-hander, who missed all of the 2002 season because of elbow surgery, is second on the all-time saves list behind Lee Smith with 423. Smith had 478.

Blue Jays 8, Yankees 0 (7½rain)

NEW YORK — Former NBA player Mark Hendrickson (6-6), sent to the minors July 9, returned and allowed five hits in seven innings in a game shortened to 7½ innings by rain.

Vernon Wells homered twice and drove in three runs, and Eric Hinske and Chris Woodward each had two RBIs.

Jeff Weaver (5-8) gave up five runs and 11 hits in 4½ innings and ended the Yankees' five-game winning streak. The Blue Jays have won five straight in New York.

Red Sox 14, Tigers 5

BOSTON — Jeremy Giambi is finally contributing to Boston's powerful offense.

He has been the weak link on the top hitting team in the majors, but had one of his best games of the season in the Red Sox's 14-5 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Monday night.

Giambi, in his first season with Boston, was hitting .173 in 43 games when he went on the disabled list June 22 with bursitis in his left shoulder. He was activated last Thursday and, in his first at-bat since, got a pinch-hit single that led to the winning run in Saturday's 5-4 victory over Toronto.

Then, he went 2-for-3 with two walks and a two-run double Monday as the designated hitter, raising his average to .193.

Manny Ramirez went 4-for-4 with his 23rd homer, a double and three RBIs. Boston had a season-high nine doubles among its 18 hits and raised its average from .293 to .295 in beating the majors' worst team.

Jeremy Bonderman (3-14) allowed seven runs and left with the score 6-0 after failing to retire the first two batters in the third.

The 20-year-old who spent last season in Single-A is the first 14-game loser in the majors but, in each of his previous seven starts, he went at least six innings and never allowed more than three earned runs.

National League

Brandon Duckworth (3-4) lasted just 2½ innings. All-Star reliever Mike Williams, acquired by the Phillies from Pittsburgh on Sunday, retired six of the seven batters he faced.

Marlins 4, Expos 1

MIAMI — Mike Lowell drove in two runs in his return from a tumor scare and Josh Beckett pitched seven scoreless innings as Florida beat Montreal.

Lowell, who had surgery in 1999 for testicular cancer, felt soreness in his groin the past three weeks and doctors told him Friday that a golf ball-sized mass above his left femur might be a tumor.

But the following day, specialists in Gainesville, Fla., determined it was not a tumor or cancerous, and instead was fibrous dysplasia, a benign condition of the bone.

In his first at bat, Lowell singled home Juan Pierre. Lowell drew a bases-loaded walk in the sixth and also doubled in the eighth.

Beckett (4-4) scattered seven singles. He struck out seven and walked one. Eric Knott (0-1) was the losing pitcher.

Reds 11, Brewers 2

CINCINNATI — Jose Acevedo pitched seven shutout innings as a fill-in starter and Russell Branyan had a pinch-hit grand slam as Cincinnati beat Milwaukee.

The Reds ended a seven-game losing streak at home by beating the one team they've handled easily. They've won their past five against Milwaukee, going 7-3 this season against the Brewers.

Jose Guillen also homered and drove in three runs as the Reds got the better of a matchup of the NL Central's bottom two teams.

Giants 5, Diamondbacks 4

SAN FRANCISCO — Rich Aurilia and Yorvit Torrealba each drove in two runs during a sixth-inning rally and San Francisco beat Arizona for its fifth straight victory.

The NL West-leading Giants moved eight games ahead of the Diamondbacks in the division race by taking the opener of this important four-game se-

ries. San Francisco has won 10 of its past 13 games and is undefeated so far on this 11-game homestand to start the second half.

With the Giants trailing 4-1 in the bottom of the sixth, Elmer Dessens (5-7) provided an opportunity for San Francisco when he loaded the bases with one out. He allowed a single to J.T. Snow and then a double to Marquis Grissom before intentionally walking Barry Bonds.

Jose Cruz Jr. struck out on a full-count, then Aurilia hit a two-run single to center off Dessens and Torrealba singled two batters later to bring in two more runs as the Giants took a 5-4 lead.

Rockies 4, Dodgers 1

LOS ANGELES — Denny Stark got his first victory of an injury-plagued season and Bobby Estalella homered as Colorado ended a five-game losing streak with a victory over Los Angeles.

Stark (1-0) allowed a run and four hits in seven innings in his fourth start of the year. He missed the Rockies' first 84 games because of a strained muscle in his upper back.

Padres 5, Cardinals 4 (10)

SAN DIEGO — Miguel Ojeda homered with one out in the 10th inning to give San Diego a victory over St. Louis.

Ojeda, who entered in the ninth as part of a double switch, hit a 3-2 pitch 397 feet into the left-field seats off Lance Painter (0-1). It was his third homer of the season.

Jay Witasick (2-1) worked two perfect innings for the win.

Cardinals starter Matt Morris was hit in the right hand by a line drive in the first inning, bruising a knuckle on his index finger. X-rays of the knuckle were negative.

Pirates 5, Astros 3

PITTSBURGH — Matt Stairs homered and drove in two runs as Pittsburgh jumped on Houston starter Tim Lincecum for five runs in the first three innings.

The Pirates, the only team to beat the Astros in their past 15 games, ended Houston's five-game winning streak. Pittsburgh has won four straight at home against the Astros since July 4.

The Astros had won 10 of 11.

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Scores/standings

American League

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	61	37	.622	—
Boston	58	40	.592	3
Toronto	52	48	.520	10
Baltimore	46	50	.479	14
Tampa Bay	35	62	.361	25½

CENTRAL DIVISION

Kansas City	54	43	.557	—
Minnesota	49	49	.500	5½
Chicago	49	50	.495	6
Cleveland	41	58	.414	14
Detroit	26	71	.268	28

WEST DIVISION

Seattle	59	39	.602	—
Oakland	55	43	.561	4
Anaheim	49	48	.505	9½
Texas	40	58	.408	19

Monday's games

Boston 14, Detroit 5
Baltimore 3, Texas 2
Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 0, 7 ½ in-
nings, rain
Tampa Bay 3, Anaheim 2
Minnesota 5, Seattle 4
Oakland 6, Kansas City 1
Chicago White Sox 4, Cleveland 3

National League

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	65	33	.663	—
Philadelphia	55	42	.567	9½
Florida	51	48	.515	14½
Montreal	50	49	.505	15½
New York	41	57	.418	24

CENTRAL DIVISION

Houston	54	45	.545	—
St. Louis	51	48	.515	3
Chicago	50	48	.510	3½
Pittsburgh	44	52	.458	8½
Cincinnati	44	54	.449	9½
Milwaukee	39	59	.398	14½

WEST DIVISION

San Francisco	62	37	.626	—
Arizona	54	45	.545	8
Los Angeles	51	47	.520	10½
Colorado	51	51	.500	12½
San Diego	38	63	.376	25

Monday's games

Florida 4, Montreal 1
Pittsburgh 5, Houston 3
N.Y. Mets 8, Philadelphia 6
Cincinnati 11, Milwaukee 2
Chicago Cubs 15, Atlanta 6
San Diego 5, St. Louis 4, 10 innings
Colorado 4, Los Angeles 1
San Francisco 5, Arizona 4

From The Associated Press

American League

The Red Sox took advantage of his mistakes, then pounded Steve Sparks for six runs in three innings and led 13-3 after five. Every Boston starter had at least two hits except Jason Varitek, who had one, and Trot Nixon, who was hitless but walked twice and scored twice.

John Burkett (8-4) gave up RBI singles in the fifth to Warren Morris, Dmitri Young and Carlos Pena. Young hit his 20th homer in the seventh off Casey Fossum, who went four innings for his second career save and first of the season.

Devil Rays 3, Angels 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Rob Bell (2-2) allowed one run and six hits in 7½ innings. The World Series champions have lost five in a row, their longest skid since dropping six straight from April 8-13 last year.

Angels third baseman Troy Glaus left with a bruised right shoulder during the third inning after falling when he tried to switch directions as Julio Lugo's bunt deflected off Aaron Sele.

Anaheim said X-rays were normal and Glaus was day to day.

Sele (6-7) allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings. He had been 7-0 against the Devil Rays.

Orioles 3, Rangers 2

BALTIMORE — Pat Hentgen (2-5) allowed two runs and six hits in 6½ innings to stop a career-high five-game losing streak.

Baltimore has won five straight for the first time since May 2001.

Jorge Julio worked the ninth for his 22nd save.

R.A. Dickey (4-5) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings. B.J. Surhoff homered for Baltimore.

Twins 5, Mariners 4

MINNEAPOLIS — Chris Gomez hit a go-ahead single in the eighth inning to lead Minnesota to its fifth consecutive victory.

Torii Hunter homered and Shannon Stewart went 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Twins, on their best stretch since winning six straight from May 4-9.

Mark McLemore keyed a four-run seventh with a two-run double for the AL West-leading Mariners, who have dropped three straight games for the first time since April 9-11.

Athletics 6, Royals 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Rich Harden allowed one run and four hits in seven innings, struck out four and walked two in his major league debut.

Oakland drew five straight walks with two outs in the ninth to break a 1-all tie.

Pinch-hitter Chris Singleton lined a one-out single off Sean Lowe (1-1), Jason Grimsley forced home the go-ahead run with a walk to Ramon Hernandez, Scott Hatteberg followed with a walk as Royals manager Tony Pena was ejected for the second straight day and Nate Field walked pinch-hitter Billy McMillan.

Ricardo Rincon (6-3) pitched a scoreless eighth.

White Sox 4, Indians 3

CHICAGO — Joe Crede homered and Carl Everett added a two-run single as Chicago won its fourth straight and moved within six games of first-place Kansas City in the AL Central. Cleveland has lost six straight.

Mike Porzio (1-1) got his first career win as a starter, allowing three runs and five hits over five innings. Tom Gordon pitched the eighth and the ninth for his fifth save.

Brian Tallet (0-2) gave up four runs and five hits in 4½ innings.

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